

October 14, 2021

Mr. Shawn Nau
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Dear Mr. Nau:

Attached are the final results of the Encounter Data Validation studies for Health Choice Arizona for Contract Year Ending (CYE) 2019. The review was conducted in accordance with Section D, Paragraph 61 of Contract YH19-0001-03 and the Encounter Data Validation Technical Document. The review scope included two sections: study “A” for all professional services and study “B” for all facility services. The studies measured:

- Claims included in the Contractor’s claim submission and encountered in AHCCCS’ Prepaid Medical Management Information System (PMMIS) (Match) – reviewed for accuracy and timeliness.
- Claims included in the Contractor’s claim submission but not encountered in PMMIS (NotEnc InCIm) – reviewed for omission.
- Encounters reported in PMMIS but not included in the Contractor’s claim submission (InEnc NotCIm) – reviewed for omission from claim submission file.

A preliminary report was provided to allow the Contractor the opportunity to review and submit any additional information that may have affected the final error rate calculations. After considering the Contractor response, the results have been applied to the total population of “A” and “B” encounters.

For study “A” Match, there were 5,348,823 encounter/claim matches identified from a sample size of 5,375,069 claims; a subsample of 150 was randomly selected. AHCCCS manually compared the supporting information provided by the Contractor to the adjudicated encounters within PMMIS resulting in 0 accuracy errors and 1 timeliness error, yielding an overall error rate of 0.00% for accuracy and 0.67% for timeliness. For study “B” Match, there were 290,250 encounter/claim matches identified from a sample size of 291,465 claims; a subsample of 150 was randomly selected. AHCCCS manually compared the supporting information provided by the Contractor to the adjudicated encounters within PMMIS resulting in 2 accuracy errors and 2 timeliness errors, yielding an overall error rate of 1.33% for accuracy and 1.33% for timeliness.

For study “A” NotEnc InCIm, there were 26,246 possible omissions identified from a sample size of 5,375,069 claims; a subsample of 315 was randomly selected. AHCCCS manually compared the supporting information provided by the Contractor to the adjudicated encounters within PMMIS resulting in 206 omission errors, yielding an overall error rate of 0.32%. For study “B” NotEnc InCIm, there were 1,215 possible omissions identified from a sample size of 291,465 claims; a subsample of 315 was randomly selected. AHCCCS manually compared the supporting information provided by the Contractor to the adjudicated encounters within PMMIS resulting in 98 omission errors, yielding an overall error rate of 0.13%.

For study "A" InEnc NotCIm, there were 26,700 possible omissions identified from a sample size of 7,084,668 encounters; a subsample of 315 was randomly selected. AHCCCS manually compared the supporting information provided by the Contractor to the adjudicated encounters within PMMIS resulting in 93 omission errors, yielding an overall error rate of 0.11%. For study "B" InEnc NotCIm, there were 1,963 possible omissions identified from a sample size of 330,376 encounters; a subsample of 315 was randomly selected. AHCCCS manually compared the supporting information provided by the Contractor to the adjudicated encounters within PMMIS resulting in 271 omission errors, yielding an overall error rate of 0.51%.

For each study, if the error rate falls below the acceptable rate of 5%, no sanction will be applied. The Contractor's error rates and sanction amounts, if applicable, for each study are as follows:

STUDY	Error Rate	Sanction
A Match Accuracy	0.00%	\$0.00
A Match Timeliness	0.67%	\$0.00
A NotEnc InCIm	0.32%	\$0.00
A InEnc NotCIm	0.11%	\$0.00
B Match Accuracy	1.33%	\$0.00
B Match Timeliness	1.33%	\$0.00
B NotEnc InCIm	0.13%	\$0.00
B InEnc NotCIm	0.51%	\$0.00

Per the terms of the Contract, sanctions are not AHCCCS' exclusive remedy. In particular and without limiting possible future actions, if any legal action is brought against AHCCCS as the result of your non-compliance with the Contract, AHCCCS will seek compensation from you for any damages arising from such legal action including, but not limited to, AHCCCS' cost of representation, as well as the cost of any attorneys' fees and costs payable to the party bringing the action.

Within 24 hours of receipt of this letter, the final workpapers for each study will be uploaded to the Secured File Transfer Protocol (SFTP).

Thank you for your assistance with this Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirement. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Oakley at (602) 417-4308 or linda.oakley@azahcccs.gov.

Sincerely,


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cc: Christina Quast, AHCCCS